

August 27, 1982

Memo to File

RE: Desert Mound Mine
U.S. Steel Corporation
ACT/021/003
Iron County, Utah

On August 18, 1982, Tom Tetting of the Division met with Roy Benson, representative of USSC, at the Desert Mound Mine. A brief inspection was made of the current operations which were suspended on May 28, 1982. Ore haulage, shipping and mining occurred for only a brief period this past year. A new lower level (25 foot bench) had been cut into the Mt. Lion Pit. Ore is still stockpiled at the office site and ore cars are idle alongside. The present workforce consists of three employees and a few watchmen. Photos were taken of the revegetation test plot areas. Very little success has been achieved on the waste rock test plot areas.

Mr. Benson was informed that a soil/waste-rock analysis may prove helpful to develop possible amendments which might improve regrowth success. Reseeding may be attempted in the fall. Previously nitrate had been added and seed was broadcast sewn.

An item of interest was discovered that should be addressed by USSC in the future. An area on the west side of Iron Mountain, in a portion of previously disturbed and grandfathered land has been recently used as part of the operations. This land was never incorporated into the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan. It shall be known as the Blackhawk Fines Area and consists only of 1/4 - 1/2 acre of stored iron ore fines. The reserves are being sold and moved out at an infrequent interval. It was suggested to Mr. Benson that he prepare to have this area incorporated into the existing mine plan by collecting information, maps, etc. The next inspection of the mine site should involve a visit to this area and coordinate submittal of this information at that time. It is doubtful that this should alter the amount of the bond appreciably.

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